

## Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method in a computer system for automatically executing predefined backup tasks upon receiving a message from the operating system that notifies applications about finishing the computer session, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

loading the computer program into memory of the computer system;

waiting for the operating system's message that the computer system will shutdown; and

when this specific message was received the computer program interrupts the process of the system's shutdown;

the computer program executes the predefined tasks to back up data of the computer system;

when these backup tasks are executed the computer program calls the operating systems application programming interface to initiate once more the shutdown of the computer system;

the computer program does no longer interrupt shutting down the computer system;

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the operating system's message is a notification about a user logoff from the computer system and the backup application initiates once more the logoff after execution of the backup tasks.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the operating system's message is a notification about rebooting the computer system and the backup application initiates once more the system reboot after execution of the backup tasks.